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Stoney Ridge Farm
Cambridge vicinity
c. 1875

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farm was owned and occupied by William H. and Sadie S. Brannock, in whose family the acreage remains.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-246

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Stoney Ridge Farm

2. Location

street and number 5431 Stoney Ridge Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Cambridge ☒ vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frederick C. Pomeroy

street and number 5429 Stoney Ridge Road telephone 410-228-1306

city, town Cambridge state Maryland zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber/folio PLC 234/963, MLB 454/402

city, town Cambridge tax map 29 tax parcel 30 tax ID number 108877

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory _____

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Stoney Ridge Farm, also known as the Pomeroy or Brannock farm, is located at 5431 Stoney Ridge Road west of the city of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling stands along a gravel farm lane that leads to a tributary of the Little Choptank River. Supported on a brick pier foundation, the center hall/single pile plan house is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a story-and-a-half dining room/kitchen wing that has reached an advanced state of collapse. Attached to the back of the service wing is a mid twentieth century concrete block bathroom addition. The house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story, braced timber frame house has a symmetrical three-bay main elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door is sheltered by gable roofed portico supported on square posts and featuring built-in seats. The heavily molded four-panel door is framed by a four-light transom and three-light sidelights with a molded panel below each sidelight. The header between the door and transom is a machine produced molding which rests atop slender chamfered corner pilasters that flank the front door. The six-over-six sash windows to each side are framed by a narrow beaded edge surrounds, and the trim has portions of shutter hardware. The second story is defined by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows that retain their louvered shutters. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

The east and west gable ends are largely alike with pairs of six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Fixed between the first floor windows are exposed sections of stretcher bond brick fire walls, repeating a tradition several generations old. The gable ends are defined by pairs of four-over-two sash windows on either side of interior end brick chimneys that are finished with corbelled caps. The gable ends are flush and trimmed with a molded bargeboard.

Extending southward from the main block is a story-and-a-half dining room/kitchen wing built at the same time as the front block. The four-bay by one-room timber frame wing is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, but the structure is in an advanced state of collapse. The two-room plan wing was lighted by six-over-six sash windows on the first floor, and gable roofed dormers in the loft bedrooms.

The interior of the house survives relatively unchanged since the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The first floor front rooms follow a center hall/single-pile plan with a Civil War era turned baluster staircase anchored by a heavily turned newel post. The stair continues to the third floor level. The staircase as well as the adjacent parlor doors retain nineteenth-century oak graining. Each room features a Greek Revival mantel with plain pilasters visually supported on plain frieze and shelf. The two-room rear wing is similarly finished with a late Greek Revival mantel in the dining room adjacent to an enclosed staircase. The kitchen features an enclosed staircase as well that provides access to a small loft bedroom that does not communicate with the rest of the wing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Dorchester County Register of Wills, Last Will and Testament, EWL 3/213, Written 1.5.1875, proved 11.28.1877.

² Dorchester County Marriage Record Book, 1780-1867, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 15/500, 6.15.1891.

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Name Stoney Ridge Farm
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Map 29, Parcel 30
Account # 108877
CHAIN-OF-TITLE

PLC 234/963

Sadie S. Brannock

to

5.9.1985

Frederick Pomeroy

William H. Brannock Home Farm

PLC 157/393

Robert E. Farnell, III, Trustee

to

10.1.1968

William H. Brannock
Sadie S. Brannock

PLC 157/391

William H. Brannock
Sadie S. Brannock

to

10.1.1968

Robert E. Farnell III, Trustee

WHM 7/624

Thomas J. Palmer, Annie E. Palmer, John S. Skinner,
Addie R. Skinner

to

1.12.1920

William H. Brannock
\$10,500.00

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CL 15/500

Augustus Hooper and Mary A. L. Hooper

to

6.15.1891

Thomas J. Palmer

"Chance," "Preston," "North Preston" 100 acres

\$2,900.00

Augustus Hooper married Mary A. L. Pattison on 11.7.1855
(Daughter of Samuel Pattison)

Will Book
EWL 2/213

Last Will and Testament of Samuel Pattison

to

Written
1.5.1875
Proved
11.28.1877

part of the Home Farm of Samuel Pattison

"Chance," "Preston," or "North Preston"

I, Samuel Pattison, of Town Point Neck,

To my eldest son, John Richard Pattison, that farm or plantation whereon he now resides, as a gift and which I estimated as being his share of my estate, therefore, I make no bequest or devise to him, as I consider that he has had his full share of my property....

Second, I give and devise unto my dear son Robert Henry Pattison, all that part of my home farm called "Chance," "Preston," or "North Preston," or by whatever names...the said part hereby devised to my said son being the part of which is situated my present dwelling house and farm buidings...

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Third, I give and devise to my dear daughter Mary Augusta Lenhart Hooper, all that part of my home farm lying to the southward of the divisional line mentioned and described in the second clause....

..insurance policy for \$2,000.00 to be divided between two daughters Mary Augusta Lenhart Hooper and Elizabeth Amelia Stewart

Codicil to Will
EWL 2/215

11.21.1877

First, whereas by the second clause of my said last will and testament, Robert Henry Pattison has died since the making and execution of my said will

....devise unto my dear grand-children Robert E. Pattison and Catherine P. Carlin, children of my deceased son Robert H. Pattison, all the real estate mentioned in the second clause of my said will...

....I give and bequeath unto my dear grandson Robert E. Pattison, a set of chamber furniture, which was presented to me by his late father....

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Marriage Record, 1780-1867, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Wills, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Personal Interview with Fred and Lex Pomeroy, 7.17.07

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 112.03 acres

Acreage of historical setting 100 acres

Quadrangle name Church Creek, MD 1982 Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake County Heritage and Preservation	date	7/17/2007
street & number	Cedar Hill, Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



D-246, Stoney Ridge Farm
Church Creek, MD Quad. 1982



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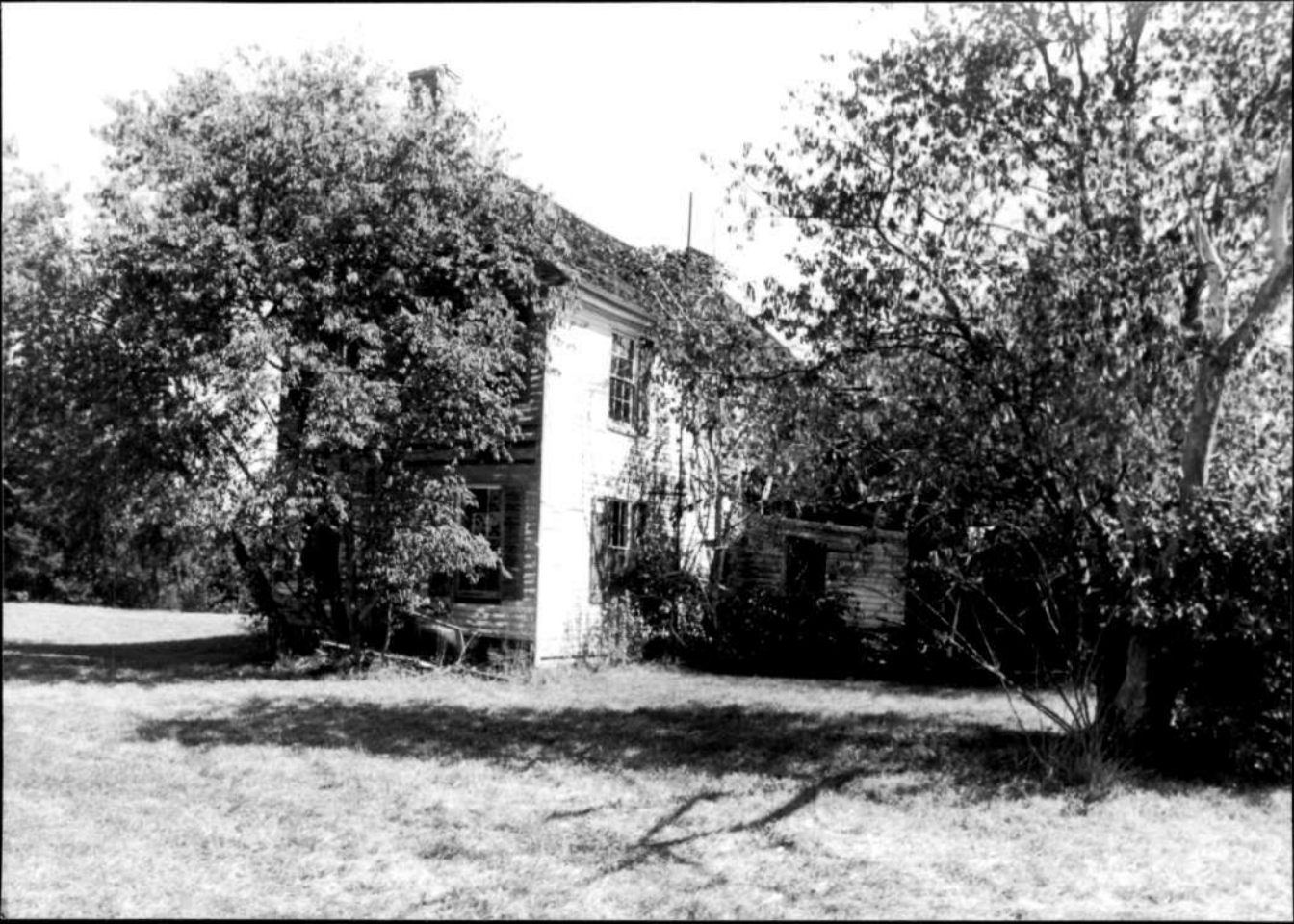
Stoney Ridge Farm

Cambridge vic, Dorchester Co., MD.

Northeast elevation

8/07, Paul Toussaint, Photographer

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Stoney Ridge Farm

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DORCHESTER Co., MD.
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

8/18, PAUL TOWANT, PHOTOGRAPHER

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Stoney Ridge Farm

Cambridge Vll., Dorchester Co., Md.

North Elevation Entrance

El 48, Paul Towart, Photographer

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Stoney Ridge Farm

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER CO., MD.

Dining Room

8/08, PAUL TOWNT, PHOTOGRAPHER

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Stoney Ridge Farm

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER CO., MD.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Stoney Ridge Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Stoney Ridge Road, 1 mile southwest of Dark Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: William H. Brannock				
STREET AND NUMBER: RFD 3				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 157/393				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, three bay long, two bay deep frame structure built on a brick foundation. To the rear of the house is a four bay wing consisting of two center windows flanked by two doors. There is a chimney in the center of the wing; there are also chimneys within the gables of the two story section.

An unusual feature about this mid-19th century structure is that the backs of the fireplaces are exposed on the exterior. The clapboard is cut around the brick. The house has 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters on both floors. In the attic of the two story section, the window has 4/2 sash. In the wing there is a single dormer in that section closest to the two story section. On the end of the one and one-half story wing is a one story concrete block structure of 20th century date.

I did not see the interior except for the middle room which has an enclosed stair to the second floor, a fireplace with mantle, and trim from the mid-19th century.

It is in very good condition with several white washed outbuildings, which may date from the same period.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is a good example of a well-preserved mid-19th century farm house, showing the transition between the vernacular, "home-made," house to the, "mail-order," mass-produced house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

86.50 acres
Map 29, p. 30, District 7

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE May, 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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75%

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Mr Bourne May 1975